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SET UP LABORATORY AT PULLMAN, WASH., FOR INVESTIGATING FUR ANIMAL DISEASES

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A branch laboratory for research in fur animal diseases is being established at Pullman, Wash., under a cooperative agreement between the State College of Washington and the U. S. Biological Survey.

Dr. F. D. McKenney, of the Survey's Section of Disease Control, will be in charge of the laboratory. Arrangements for maintaining test animals at the college and facilities for disease investigations are being completed.

Dr. J. E. Shillinger, in charge of the Survey's Section of Disease Control, also announced the transfer of Dr. Don R. Coburn from the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Utah, and the proposed addition of an assistant veterinarian, to the Bureau's new pathological laboratory at the Patuxent Research Refuge, near Bowie, Md. Doctor Coburn's disease investigations at the Bear River Refuge will be continued by Dr. E. R. Quortrop.

"Stationing members of the disease control staff in various parts of the country where facilities for pathological research have been provided", says Doctor Shillinger, "will help the Survey in clearing up some of the questions on infectious, parasitic, and nutritional diseases so that methods of treatment or control may be improved."

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